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1. POST NOMINATES MR. LEE JUN-WOO, EDITOR OF SHIN-DONG-A MONTHLY, FOR TQ FALL-OUT IV GRANT FOR THIRTY-DAY OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION, FUNCTION210. THIS NOMINATION IS FOR FULL GRANT. POST BELIEVES LEE CAN TRAVEL ALMOST ANYTIME.

2. ESTABLISHED NOVELIST AND ONE OF KOREA'S MOST EXPERIENCED MAGAZINE EDITORS, LEE HAS BEEN EDITOR OF SHIN-DONG-A SINCE 1969. KOREA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS INTELLECTUAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION WITH A CIRCULATION OF 30,000.

AS EDITOR, LEE ESTABLISHES THEME FOR EACH MONTHLY ISSUE, SELECTS WRITERS, AND EDITS ALL ARTICLES. SHIN-DONG-A CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDE SCHOLARS, EDITORIAL WRITERS, AND EXPERTS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS SUCH AS HUMANITIES, FOREIGN POLICY, AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. INDEPENDENT, NONPARTISAN, AND GENERALLY CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, MAGAZINE HAS PENETRATED NATION'S INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY AND HAS INFLUENCED TOP POLICY MAKERS, POLITICIANS, ACADEMIC LEADERS, BUSINESSMEN, MILITARY, ETC. AN OPPORTUNITY
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TO VISIT U.S. WOULD CONSIDERABLY WIDEN LEE'S PERCEPTIONS

OF AMERICAN CULTURE AND SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH HE HAS HAD BASICALLY FAVORABLE ORIENTATION TOWARD MOST U.S. ISSUE AND TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, LEE'S ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING COULD SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO WIDENING WORLD VIEW OF SHIN-DONG-A'S READERS AT A TIME WHEN KOREAN INTELLECTUALS AND LEADERS HAVE BEGUN TO QUESTION WESTERN (AMERICAN) VALUES, AND KOREA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH IT'S TRADITIONAL ALLY.

3. BORN IN KWESAN, CHUNGCHONGPUK-DO, KOREA ON AUGUST 6, 1934, LEE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SEUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WITH B.A. IN FRENCH LITERATURE. WORKED BRIEFLY AT A COUPLE OF SEOUL DILY NEWSPAPERS BEFORE JOINING SHING-DONG-A MONTHLY IN 1964; BECAME ASSISTANT EDITOR IN 1967 AND EDITOR IN 1969. TRAVELED TO JAPAN, 1968, FOR PRESS OBSERVATION; FRANCE, ENGLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, 1969, TO COVER INTERNATIONAL P.E.N. CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESS ACTIVITIES. SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS FAIR ENGLISH BUT WILL NEED INTERPRETER FOR SUBSTANTIV PROGRAMMING.

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